

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
February 9, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Cheryl Maki presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kathy Sands, Alice Dowdin, Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Mayor Cheryl Maki

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Police Chief Nick Willick

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Certificate of Appreciation: Wayne Manning, Planning Commissioner

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Agenda was approved without objection.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 04-14** approve Warrants #55816 – 56907 totaling \$1,223,445.85.

2. **Council Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of November 10, 24, December 1, 8, and 22, 2003.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Dowdin/
Approved 5:0**

3. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes thanked the Police Department for reactivating the merchants' alert system, that warns merchants of counterfeit bills being circulated in the area.

Mayor Maki read a commendation to Nicole Mizener, widow of Pfc. Jesse Mizener, who was killed in Iraq.

Council Member Holmes, speaking on behalf of the Auburn Area War Memorial Committee, told Nicole Mizener that Jesse's name will be inscribed on the war memorial. He added that Jesse Mizener was the first local member of the armed services to sacrifice his life for the United States since the Vietnam War.

REPORTS

4. **Informational Reports from Staff**

A. Airport Manager Monthly Update

Continued.

5. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes said he was told at the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Task Force that the City of Auburn is going to be cited for environmental health violations at its former landfill on Locksley Lane. Apparently some gases have started to leak from this old landfill. He hopes the city can remedy the problem as soon as the citation arrives.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

6. **Planning Commission Appointment**

Council Member Dowdin is appointing former Commissioner Bob Snyder to replace the seat vacated by Wayne Manning.

By **RESOLUTION 04-15** appoint Bob Snyder as Planning Commissioner.
MOTION: Dowdin/Holmes/Approved 5:0

7. **Improvement of Air Quality in the Sacramento Region**

Police Chief Nick Willick introduced Placer County Supervisor Rex Bloomfield. Speaking as Chair of the Placer County Air Pollution Control Board, Mr. Bloomfield gave a presentation on the quality of the air in the Sacramento region, specifically that of the Auburn Area.

Mr. Bloomfield said that the County Board of Supervisors had adopted three ordinances that set standards for the purchase and operation of low-emission vehicles, set limitations on idling of engines and created a policy that encourages contractors to procure and operate low-emission vehicles. The Board of Supervisors and the Air Pollution Control Board is asking all cities within the county to enact similar ordinances.

1. Limit the idling of commercial vehicles to five minutes. This would remove two tons of pollutants from the air daily.
2. Show leadership by establishing a standard as opportunities arise to switch over to alternative fuel vehicles.
3. Give a preference to contractors who have low emission vehicles.

Mr. Bloomfield said that smog *causes* asthma – it doesn't just contribute to it, it causes it along with several other diseases. He said diesel vehicles emit 50 times as many pollutants as passenger cars.

The financial repercussions for non-compliance are severe: loss of federal highway funds and increase in business regulations, etc.

Mr. Bloomfield said that all the air pollution control districts in this region have adopted these policies and ordinances and have recommended them for approval.

By **MOTION** direct staff to work with the County Air Pollution Control District to seek input from potentially affected small and midsize businesses to develop an ordinance and to set up a public hearing to consider implementation of similar ordinances for the City of Auburn. **MOTION:**
Hanley/Sands/Approved 5:0

8. **Renovation of the El Dorado Fire Station**

Council Member Holmes said that he had convened a meeting of major stakeholders including the Placer County Contractors Association, the Downtown Business Association and the Native Sons (which has a foundation specifically set up to receive donations for historical preservation).

Now that the city is in the process of adopting a historic preservation ordinance, this would be a good time to set the standard. It was decided at the meeting that, before any further planning is done, they would like to have some guidance from the Council that this is the project that the Council would like to move forward. As discussed at a previous Council meeting, the Placer County Contractors Association had agreed to provide in-kind services on a city project to help offset the lease reduction granted to the Boys and Girls Club.

Council Member Dowdin suggested that there be a full-scale inspection of the building in order to ascertain fully what will be needed and the cost to restore it.

Jim Busk, President of Placer County Contractors Association, said he was excited about this project. The building is in a state of serious decay, but it can be fixed. He proposed that the exterior be restored as a first step. He also said that he didn't want the City to spend any money on the project. He asked the Council to give the Contractors Association the go-ahead to inspect the property and to form a team of contractors. He said he has received support for this project from several organizations and individuals. He submitted a photograph of the building as it exists today along with a concept of the finished product.

By **MOTION** give the Placer County Contractors Association the go-ahead and that they coordinate with city staff. **MOTION: Dowdin/Holmes/**
Approved by voice

Adjournment **at 7:44 p.m.**

Cheryl Maki, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk